

Testimony Concerning HB 5443
AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF BREED OF DOG AS AN UNDERWRITING
FACTOR FOR HOMEOWNERS AND TENANTS INSURANCE POLICIES. March 3,
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I would like to thank you for the opportunity to express my support of bill HB
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Dog bites are usually due to upbringing, learned behavior, fear, and lack of socialization or protection. Any dog can and will bite, regardless of the dog's size or sex, or reported breed or mix of breeds. To say only certain breed bites more than others is hogwash.

Over the years we have had many different breed of dogs and cats. Pit bulls, German shepherds, Rottweilers, Husky and even a Chihuahua to name a few and out of these dogs the only one we had to lock up in a room when we had company was the small Chihuahua because he would bite at your feet out of fear. Never had a problem with any of our other dogs.

There are to many Pit bulls, German shepherd, and Rottweilers in the pounds being put to sleep. With this more people will have to give up good dogs because of a maybe. Please don't let that happen, then maybe we can find good homes for the one already in the pounds.

Thank you for giving me an opportunity to testify and I do hope you will strongly support this important piece of legislation.

Thank you,

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